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For MULTI-LAYER DECOUPLING AND SEALING SYSTEM

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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

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Submitted herewith, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371, is a US National Stage Patent

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3 pages Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371,

- 5 pages Application Data Sheet,
- 22 pages English translation of PCT Specification with affidavit,
- 22 pages English translation of Annex to International Preliminary Examination Report (includes translation of entire specification as amended) with affidavit,
- 3 pages Declaration for Utility Patent Application, and
- 11 pages preliminary amendment.

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